

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

WILD FISH CONSERVANCY, a Washington
non-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

BARRY THOM, in his official capacity as
Regional Administrator of the National Marine
Fisheries Service; CHRIS OLIVER, in his
official capacity as the Assistant Administrator
for Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries
Service; NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE; WILBUR ROSS, JR., in his official
capacity as Secretary of the United States
Department of Commerce; and UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,

Defendants.

and

ALASKA TROLLERS ASSOCIATION,

Intervenor-Defendant
Applicant.

No. 2:20-cv-0417-MLP

**DECLARATION OF AMY DAUGHERTY
IN SUPPORT OF UNOPPOSED MOTION
TO INTERVENE BY ALASKA
TROLLERS ASSOCIATION**

NOTING DATE: April 23, 2020

I, AMY DAUGHERTY, hereby declare as follows:

1. I have served as the Executive Director of the Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) since June of 2018 after taking a break from “fish politics” for about a decade. Working for trollers brings me to a full circle in my career since I trolled when I was a teenager out of Petersburg. I have worked for many fisheries groups or initiatives throughout the years, but none

1 as challenging as this post with ATA. The trollers have endured a near non-stop succession of
2 cuts and bad news, yet they are crucial to the economies of small coastal communities
3 throughout Southeast Alaska. They hold on to their way of life, despite the obvious trend. A
4 graph depicting those cuts in the harvest of Chinook salmon in our fishery over the documented
5 history of the Alaska troll fishery shows that last year's catch was our lowest ever is attached
6 hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" and illustrates the dramatic decline. Both the Power Troll and
7 hand troll permits were limited in number since 1975 and 1983, respectively. Our low-impact
8 family fishery is the backbone of the Southeast Alaska economy: there are 961 Power Troll
9 permits allowed through the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and 82% are
10 owned by Alaska residents.

11 2. The Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) is an Alaska-based non-profit commercial
12 industry trade organization with its place of business in Juneau, Alaska. We were first organized
13 in 1925, almost 100 years ago. We currently have over 350 members, all of whom participate in
14 and derive their economic livelihood from the Southeast Alaska salmon troll fishery.
15 Collectively, our members represent approximately 40% of the Southeast Alaska salmon power
16 troll fishery. They are both men and women and women participants in our fishery are
17 increasing. The troll fishery supports thousands of Southeast Alaska jobs, which are essential to
18 the survival of southeast Alaska's coastal communities and those communities are dependent
19 upon this fishery for their economic livelihood. That will be especially true this year because the
20 other large contributor to many of the economies of Southeast Alaska's coastal communities is
21 tourism and that will be significantly impacted by the corona virus pandemic. It is my
22 understanding that all cruise ships have cancelled their trips to Alaska's waters this summer.

23 3. I have attached a copy of my resumé to my declaration and it is marked as Exhibit
24 "B". In addition to my work in fisheries over the years, including in my present capacity as
25 Executive Director of the Alaska Trollers Association, I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in
26 Business from the University of Alaska at Juneau, and a Master's degree in Business

1 Administration in Marketing from the University of Portland. I have significant experience
2 working in representation of commercial fisheries throughout the State of Alaska and I
3 previously worked as a commercial salmon troller in Southeast Alaska in Petersburg and Juneau
4 between 1978 and 1980.

5 4. I attend and participate in North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the
6 Alaska Board of Fisheries proceedings when they apply to our salmon fishery. Other members
7 of the Alaska Trollers Association participate in work group meetings in these forums and the
8 Pacific Salmon Commission, including the treaty negotiations that resulted in the newly executed
9 2019 Pacific Salmon Treaty.

10 5. Alaska Trollers Association has always supported conservation. It would be
11 foolish if we didn't. Our membership and board recognize that we rely on the sustainability of
12 the Chinook and other species of salmon. Our Chinook catch is about half the trollers' annual
13 income. The ATA mission statement reflects our values of conservation: "To promote and
14 protect the Alaska troll fishery and to support sound management and conservation."

15 6. We actively work with Save Our Wild Salmon, an environmental group that takes
16 a strong protective stance on salmon habitat in the Pacific Northwest. Recently, I telephonically
17 testified on the Columbia River Systems Operation Draft Environmental Impact Statement
18 (DEIS) in support of restoring a free-flowing Snake River and restoring its habitat.

19 7. In my tenure with ATA we also proudly supported the extension of the Roadless
20 Rule protections throughout Southeast Alaska's Tongass National Forest, our nation's largest
21 national forest, despite political pressure to stand down on this matter. We were and are
22 unwilling to support relaxing local fish habitat protections.

23 8. ATA employs only one staff, and, as such, our range of tasks is limited.
24 Nevertheless, we are very concerned with protecting marine mammals in our waters and in any
25 capacity as Executive Director have very actively participated in an ad-hoc group entitled the Sea
26 Lion Avoidance Working Group with NMFS and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

1 (ADFG) marine mammal personnel in order to deter Stellar Sea Lion interactions. In fact, we
2 have jointly applied for an experimental grant for this purpose.

3 9. The ATA participates in and supports Salmon Beyond Borders, a campaign
4 comprised of sport and commercial fishers, community leaders, tourism and recreation business
5 owners and concerned citizens in collaboration with Tribes and First Nations working across the
6 Alaska (U.S.) and British Columbia (Canada) border to defend our "transboundary rivers" as
7 well as the jobs and way of life they sustain. Salmon Beyond Borders works to deter large-scale
8 mining and industrialization in northern British Columbia that poses threats to the
9 "transboundary" Taku, Stikine, and Unuk Rivers, all of which support large, native salmon
10 populations.

11 10. We also participate in and support SalmonState, which seeks to preserve Alaska's
12 wild salmon and wild salmon habitat, and the GE Fish Coalition, which seeks to fight the genetic
13 modification of salmon.

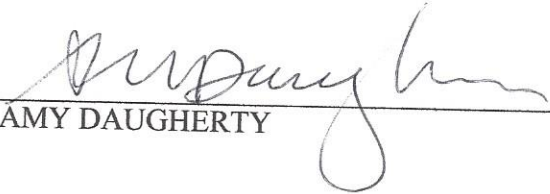
14 11. ATA members have consistently demonstrated a strong marine resource
15 conservation ethic and determined to reduce potential conflicts between our commercial
16 activities and non-marine wildlife including marine mammals. I and our members also derive
17 significant recreational, scientific, aesthetic, and other personal benefits from the existence of
18 Alaska's abundant wild marine resources, including whales, for observation, photography, and
19 study, as well as for aesthetic enjoyment.

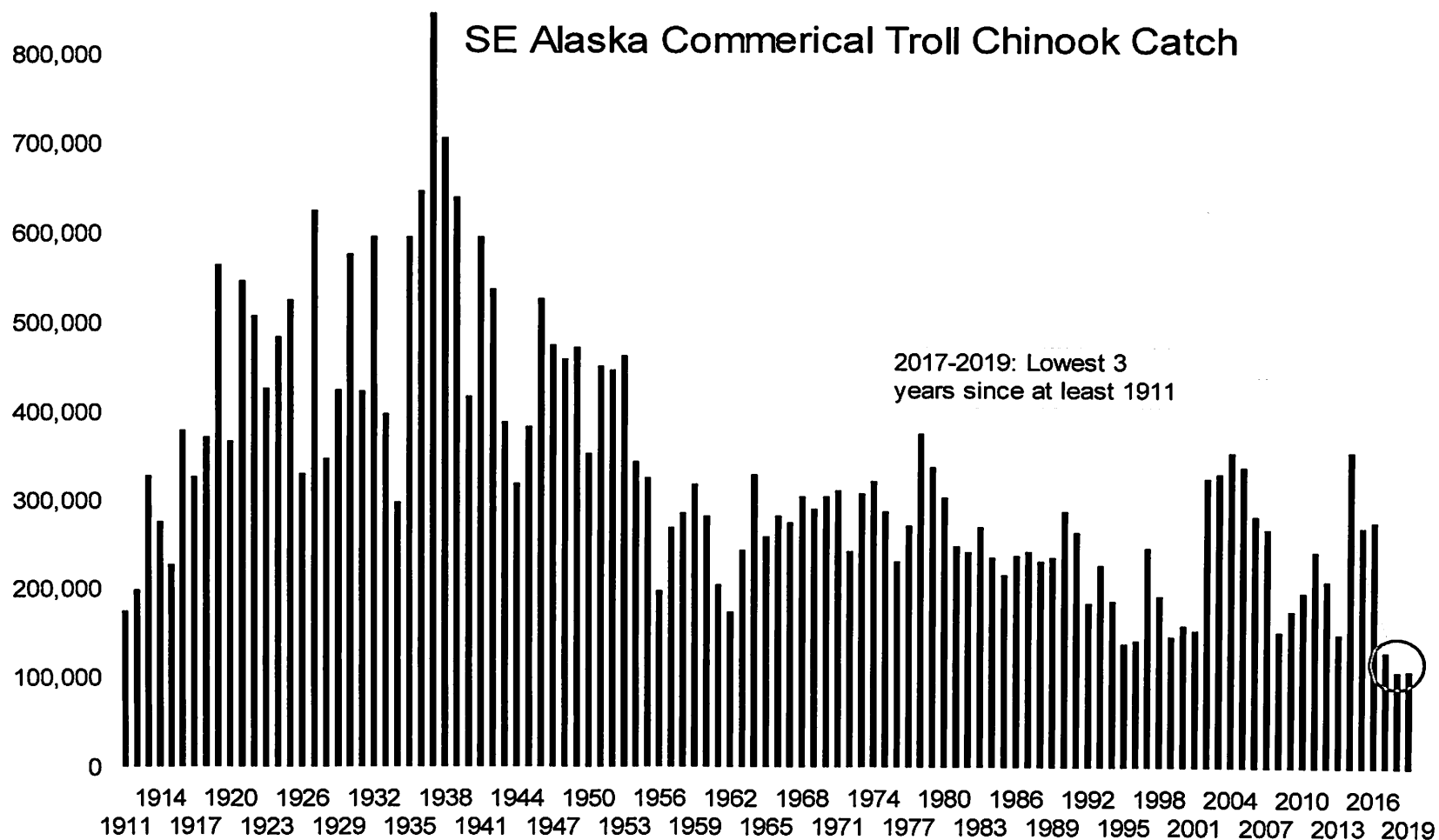
20 12. Because we are supported by dues from our members, the relief sought by the
21 Plaintiff in this lawsuit, to prohibit fishing in the EEZ off Alaska beginning July 1, 2020, will
22 have a substantially detrimental impact on the ATA and its membership. It will substantially
23 reduce the salmon harvest of our members and their businesses and, in turn, adversely affect
24 their ability to pay their dues to this organization. In fact, because of substantial reductions in
25 salmon harvest over the last couple of years, especially Chinook, our viability as an organization
26 has become stressed. There is no question that the relief sought by the Plaintiff, if granted, in

1 this matter will significantly adversely impact the viability and well-being of the Alaska Trollers
2 Association.

3 13. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is
4 true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

5 Executed this 23rd day of April 2020, in Juneau, Alaska.

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9 AMY DAUGHERTY



Data Sources: 1911-1959: Completion report for a Study of Chinook Salmon in Southeast Alaska 1977 by Paul Kissner, ADF&G
 1960-2018: Annual Management Report for the 2018 Southeast Alaska/Yakutat Salmon Troll Fisheries by Hagerman et al, ADF&G
 2019: Estimate based on sum of winter, spring and summer catches as reported on <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaseast.salmon#harvest> as of Sept 19, 2019
 Note that for 1911-1978 Catch is by Calendar Yr: Catch is by troll season for 1980-2019

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EDUCATION

MBA, Marketing, University of Portland, Portland, OR, 1991

BBA, Management, University of Alaska, Juneau, AK, 1986

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Alaska Trollers Association, Juneau, AK

June 2018 - present

- Strategy and issue advocacy on behalf of the commercial troll fleet with stakeholders.
- Representation and education to the Governor's appointees and legislature.
- All administrative responsibilities and membership maintenance.
- Board elections and communications.

Lab Manager, Bureau Veritas NA, Juneau, AK

March 2015 – May 2018

- All operational responsibilities of a rock sample prep lab including human resources, inventory and production.
- Oversee and promote a safe and positive work environment within multinational corporate constraints.
- Maintain excellent client relations and status communications.
- Personnel hired was more than 90% Lemon Creek jail felons.

Contractual Development Consultant & Grant Writer, Tribal Energy Department of CCTHITA, Metlakatla Indian Community, Archipelago Marine Energy, etc

2009 - 2012

- Creatively solved match requirements, built budgets and partnerships to get green energy projects moving.
- Researched and analyzed funding opportunities according to community needs and energy resources.
- Wrote grants and liaised with federal agencies on technical resource, lands and energy topics.

Government Relations Consultant / Lobbyist, Amy Daugherty & Co., Juneau, Alaska

1999 – 2008

- Analyzed and interpreted complex state and federal proposals and made recommendations to clients.
- Planned strategy for successful passage of fisheries, mental health, energy and design legislation.
- Promoted goals and interests of businesses and associations in best public relations light.
- Prepared presentations, speeches and education materials for specific audiences.
- Ushered prioritized budget items through the State processes.
- Alaska registered lobbyist 1999 through 2005: 2006 - 2008 lobbied NPFMC only.

Legislative Aide, Alaska Representative Alan Austerman, Chairman, Juneau, AK

1995 – 1999

- Coordinated and conferred with diverse politicians, administration officials and interest group representatives.
- Planned strategy for successful passage of fisheries resource legislation and prioritized budget items.
- Planned and structured committee meetings, often involving controversial issues.
- Wrote press releases, speeches and interfaced media.
- Testified on legislation in hearings.

Legislative Assistant, Alaska Representative Harley Olberg, Juneau, AK

1993 – 1994

- Served as committee secretary on House Community and Regional Affairs committee and FISH caucus aide.
- Office administration including phone coverage and constituent correspondence.
- Researched and analyzed legislative issues, policies and programs.
- Ensured positive community relations.

Administrative Coordinator III, Division of Elections, State of Alaska, Juneau, AK

1992

- Provided public education regarding Alaska's first closed primary.
- Performed budget work and contract maintenance.
- Drafted, developed and placed media statewide.
- Drafted and processed emergency regulations.

Trolling out of Petersburg and Juneau

1978 - 1980

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 23, 2020, I served the foregoing DECLARATION OF AMY DAUGHERTY IN SUPPORT OF UNOPPOSED MOTION TO INTERVENE BY ALASKA TROLLERS ASSOCIATION on the following individual(s):

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